

## Message Text

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R 121025Z NOV 75  
FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9159  
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 2884

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UR, GE  
SUBJECT: EAST BERLIN RUMORS ON GROMYKO ROLE IN POSSIBLE BREZHNEV  
SUCCESSION  
REF: BERLIN 6685

WE HEARD SIMILAR RUMORS ABOUT GROMYKO AT THE TIME OF  
HIS VISIT TO PRAGUE AND BERLIN, AS PART OF ATTEMPTS TO  
EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE. LOCAL AMATEUR KREMLINOLOGISTS  
WERE SKEPTICAL, BELIEVING IT UNLIKELY THAT THE OLD PALS  
WOULD ACCEPT A CAREER FUNCTIONARY AS LEADER. WE  
NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT FONMIN CHNOUPEK IN HIS FOREIGN  
POLICY ADDRESS NOV 11 DID REFER TO GROMYKO VISIT  
WARMLY, THE ONLY RUSSIAN HE CITED BY NAME BESIDES  
BREZHNEV.  
PERRY

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